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TRADE COOPERATION AGENCY

PARIS ALSO FOR OECD: DEPT FOR EB/OT/GCP - AHMAD

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 4286, B) STATE 84365,  
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1. MISSION OFFICER DISCUSSED RECENT GSP DEVELOPMENTS  
WITH EC COMMISSION STAFF. NO MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES  
ARE EXPECTED FOR EC 1978 GSP SCHEME. STAFF OFFICIALS  
ADD THAT MEMBER STATES HAVE TURNED DOWN COMMISSION PRO-  
POSAL TO ESTABLISH A EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR TRADE COOPERATION  
WITH THE LDC'S. (SEE REF. C.) THIS AGENCY WOULD HAVE  
PROMOTED LDC USE OF GSP AND ASSIST IN OTHER MEASURES TO  
PROMOTE LDC TRADE. THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT HAD ISSUED  
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AN OPINION THAT THE COMMISSION STAFF COULD ADEQUATELY  
PERFORM MOST OF THESE FUNCTIONS. IN ADDITION, THE  
PARLIAMENT WAS CONCERNED THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO  
CONTROL AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY ADEQUATELY. THE NINE AGREED  
AND COREPER DIRECTED THE COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A NEW  
PROPOSAL, SUCH AS EXPANDING THE TRADE PROMOTION STAFF  
OF THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE GENERAL. COMMISSION

OFFICIALS SAY THAT A NUMBER OF LDC'S HAD SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF THIS AGENCY BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE INCREASED EC TRADE PROMOTION ASSISTANCE.

2. IN VIEW OF THE NINE'S DECISION, THE COMMISSION IS LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS TO AID THE LDC'S IN THEIR USE OF GSP. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER, ROTIVAL, RECENTLY APPROACHED THE COMMISSION FOR FINANCING FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF AN ITC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

STUDY ON PRODUCTS AND MARKETS OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES TO LDC'S THROUGH APPLICATION OF GSP. THE STAFF FAVORS THIS PROPOSAL AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE PART OF THE \$82,000 NEEDED TO FINANCE ITS FIRST PHASE. THE STAFF SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE STUDY SHOULD NOT TAKE UP PRODUCTS ON WHICH VARIOUS SCHEMES HAD PLACED QUANTITATIVE OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS. ROTIVAL REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT THE UNDP, US AND JAPAN HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS STUDY, BUT HAD LINKED THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER DONORS' PARTICIPATION. THE FOLLOWING ARE CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION: UNDP, \$25,000; AND US, EC AND JAPAN, EACH \$20,000. COMMISSION STAFF SAYS THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY LOCATING AVAILABLE FUNDS IN 1977 BUDGET. IF FUNDS CANNOT BE LOCATED THIS YEAR, THEY ARE CONFIDENT \$20,000 ALLOCATION COULD BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. THESE OFFICIALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASK FOR US VIEWS TOWARDS FINANCING FIRST PHASE OF PROPOSED ITC STUDY. (SEE ITC/POP/189, DEC. 1976.)

3. REGARDING DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST THAT EC EXTEND GSP TO SEVERAL US TERRITORIES (REF. B), COMMISSION OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT ALL OF THESE TERRITORIES ARE ALREADY INCLUDED IN EC GSP SYSTEM. MISSION CHECKED ITS RECORDS AND CONFIRMS THIS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT US IS CONSIDERING A CONTRIBUTION TO HELP FINANCE PROPOSED ITC STUDY. MORRIS

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